

Know Your Traffic Laws

Prepared in cooperation with the Traffic Education Bureau of the Torrance Police Department

One of the leading causes of traffic accidents are vehicles making left turns at intersections, particularly those attempting the left turn.

New traffic controls such as left turn pockets and traffic signals equipped with green

arrows for left turning vehicles have helped prevent many of this type of accident, but turning vehicles still account for a large percentage of accidents.

Many of these accidents are caused by vehicles turning from an improper lane, failure to signal prior to a turn, or failure to yield the right of way to other traffic.

orderly manner with respect and concern for their fellow drivers.

On turning movements and required signals, Section 22107 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) says: "No person shall turn a vehicle from a direct course or move right or left upon the roadway until such movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after the giving of an appropriate signal in the manner provided in this chapter in the event any other vehicle may be affected by the movement."

ABOUT THE signal itself, the CVC says in the next section that "any signal of intention to turn right or left shall be given continuously during the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle before turning."

When making left turns at intersections, regulations which became effective last Sept. 20 may have cleared up some of the confusion. The regulation now reads "(a) The driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the left at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles which have approached or are approaching the intersection from the opposite direction and which are so close as to constitute a hazard at any time during the turning movement and shall continue to yield the right-of-way to such approaching vehicles until such time as the left turn can be made with reasonable safety." (The phrase in black type is new.)

(b) A driver having so yielded and having given a signal when and as required by this code may turn-left and the drivers of all other vehicles approaching the intersection from said opposite direction shall yield the right-of-way.

OTHER TURNING rules at intersection include fixing of lanes from which the turn is to be made and the approach to the turn. Section 22100 of the CVC tells the driver of a vehicle intending to turn to do as follows:

(a) Right Turns. Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

(b) Left Turns. The driver of a vehicle intending to turn left at any intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection in a lane lawfully available to traffic moving in such direction upon the roadway being entered.

(c) Upon a highway having three marked lanes for traffic moving in one direction which terminates at an intersecting highway accommodating traffic in both directions, the driver of a vehicle in the middle lane may turn right or left onto the intersecting highway.

Strict adherence to these basic turning rules could save many motorists the grief of a collision, personal injuries, and maybe their lives.



Men's Trends

by Lou Schlanger

If the married ladies of this nation would band together and put their pretty little feet down on one particular subject, we'd have a much better-dressed nation of men! We are referring to the tasteless practice of husbands accompanying their wives to, say a country club dance — and wearing sport clothes while their ladies fair are dressed in formals and near-formals.

It's highly uncomplimentary to the gals and, if the men only realized it, highly-unflattering to themselves! There aren't — or shouldn't be — dual standards of dressing. If a party is dress-up, then it's dress-up for both sexes. So, ladies, let's talk about this at the next Torrance School PTA or Junior League meeting — and maybe take some action! Okay?

(P.S.: Congratulations to the fine choice of Torrance voters in voting yes last Tuesday.)

LOOKING AHEAD: Two big color promotions in men's fashions have already been announced for the spring and summer, according to the American Institute of Men's and Boys' Wear. One is called "Old Salt" and is described as "an aged white" that comes near being the perfect ground for mellow accent colors (bottle green, Spanish sherry, dark rum and weathered blue) . . . The other is "harmonic tones" for tailored apparel (muted blues, chromatic browns, over-tone greens, and tritone greys). And "naturally light" for leisurewear (straw white, iced gray, sea spray and suntan) . . . The sum and substance of it is lighter, brighter, more colorful attire for men than in a long, long time.

CARE OF CLOTHES: Before washing anything of corduroy at home, see that the garments are turned inside out . . . to prevent having a deposit of lint on the face of the material . . . Sweaters, or any knitted apparel, should be folded neatly and placed on a shelf or in a drawer — rather than being hung up. If left on hangers for

Three After Trophies Get Woe Instead

Police apprehended three juveniles Sunday morning after they reportedly took 13 trophies from a business on 174th Street.

Police said the suspects entered Kagg Trophies at 2040 W. 174th St. by crawling through an open window and unlocking a rear door. Police apprehended the youths as the three came around to the front of the building.

any length of time, they might stretch out of shape . . . Caution: Lighter weight clothing shouldn't be taxed with pocket-stuffing that one got used to in the days of heavier clothing. Any fabric will stretch, if mis-handled.

DRESS TIPS: If you're a man whose feet are so constructed that a conventional shoe just will not hug the ankles, try the slip-on type with the elasticized tops. Such shoes will not gap on the sides and will fit snugly . . . If you haven't had your collar size checked lately, it might be wise to have a salesman at your men's store measure it. The average man's neck size grows about 1/2 inch every ten years — and your collar might no longer fit you. Any one of Torrance's fine clothing stores will be pleased to assist you in this matter.

SPOTS OUT: Another method of removing lipstick stains, on shirts or handkerchiefs, is to rub them with a little butter held in wax paper; then rub again with dry absorbent cotton. Repeat if necessary, then wash with soap and water . . . Soap and water, or turpentine, will remove black shoe polish stains. For tan polish stains, use alcohol.

ODD ITEMS: Quote/Unquote —TV star Richard Egan, "I've bought expensive clothes during my travels in London and Rome, and inexpensive ones in Hongkong—but none can compare with what I've gotten right here in the U.S.A." . . . Remember—when a hat was called a "skimmer" or a "benny," and an umbrella was a "bumbershoot"? . . . Historical — The bow on your hat band is always on the left because that's where the knights of old wore their lady's plumes when they went into battle . . . True to Type—The officials of the "Miss Universe Pageant" had no trouble getting Texan Ty Hardin, movie actor, into a taxicab for his judging chores —but he still wore his old cowboy boots with it! . . . Question —Why do almost all men carry their wallets in the left hip when it's been widely publicized that pickpockets say that is the "easiest place to steal from"?

SCOUT SURVEY About 90 per cent of all Boy Scouts in a recent study said they felt advancement in rank is an important part of scouting. Opportunities to advance come through scout skills in outdoor living and practical service projects. Advancement is considered an index of satisfaction with scouting programs. Last year 22,450 boys in the Los Angeles Area Council advanced at least one rank.

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